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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR USING STRUCTURED REPRESENTATIONS TO

INDEX RECORDINGS OF ACTIVITY (AS AMENDED)

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In addition to the March 18, 2003 Request For Reconsideration filed in response to the December 18, 2003 Office Action, please supplementally amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 10 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A system that uses structured representations to index recordings of activity, comprising:

an indexing device that indexes recordings of activity based on a user input; an object description file that stores at least one index;

a user input device that selects at least one item of the at least one index based on a user input;

an association device that associates the selected at least one item with a recording of an activity; and

a playback system for replaying an indexed recording that allows simultaneous recording of an activity while replaying an indexed recording.

10. Three Times Amended) A method of using structured representations to represent recordings of activity, comprising the steps of:

indexing recordings of activity based on a user input;

storing at least one index;

selecting at least one item of the at least one index based on a user input;

recording an activity;

associating the selected at least one item with the recorded activity; and replaying an indexed recording with a playback system while simultaneously

recording an activity.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-13 and 15-21 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the Applicants' representative during the personal interview conducted March 19, 2003. The substance of the interview is incorporated herein.

I. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8-11, 13, 15 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,613,032 to Cruz et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,701,383 to Russo et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.